

# **FACTSHEET:           Mission Valley Transportation Improvements (Lee Trevino Extension)**

- City-sponsored project; Managed by Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)
- Project General Scope - Extension of Lee Trevino from North Loop to Loop 375
- Federally funded but no construction funds programmed
- TxDOT spent \$1.5 million on two consultants; City invested \$158,000 to date; City had programmed \$200,000 for continued development

## **Project History:**

- Mid-70's- First appeared in the City's Street & Highways plan
- 1980 - First programmed in the Transportation Improvement Plan through MPO
- 1988 - In Comprehensive Plan for City
- July 1996 – Route selection criteria developed
- March 1997 – City-TxDOT Agreement finalized
- June 1997 – Public Meeting held at Ysleta Middle School
- Oct 1999 – Technically preferred route approved by TxDOT
- March 2000 – Plans submitted to Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo for review/comment
- Dec 2000 – City notified that Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo opposes proposed alignment
- March 2003 – Preliminary Route Study Conference held to discuss all proposed alignments
  - Study area bounded by Yarbrough and Zaragoza on the west and east respectively and North Loop and Loop 375 on the north and south respectively.
- Oct 2003 – Staff confirms commitment to develop project
- April 2004 – Staff recommends alternate routes 2, 6, 7 & 8 for further evaluation and public comment

- August 2004 – Public Meeting at Ysleta High School to evaluate three final alternatives, 6, 7, & 8
- August 2004 – Council accepts amendment to agreement incorporating Economically Disadvantaged Counties adjustment
- Nov 2004 & April 2005 – TxDOT & City staff provide update to neighborhood meetings
- August 2005 – Save the Valley 21 presented concerns at Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting
- August 2005 – TPB Chairperson asks City to respond to questions raised by Save the Valley 21
- Sep 2005 – Staff continues to research alternatives and presents recommendations to the Transportation LRC, City Council and the TPB
- October 18, 2005 – After two hearings, Council responds to public input on staff recommended Alternative Route #6 and votes to abandon the project to extend Lee Trevino

#### **Current Staff Activities:**

- Council's decision requires staff to remove the project from various plans, i.e., City Master Thoroughfare Plan and the El Paso MPO's STP
- Issue - Mission Valley traffic, particularly on Zaragoza Road from Alameda northbound, is projected to significantly increase over time
- Since the Lee Trevino extension no longer a viable option, staff is studying alternatives to improve mobility in the Mission Valley
- Staff from Planning and Engineering are using traffic modeling program software to study street improvement alternatives that can possibly address the transportation needs of the Mission Valley
- Data showing the average daily trips (ADTs) on major streets in the Mission Valley as well as projections of the volume to capacity ratios are being used
- Discussions include the expected Level of Service proposed street improvements can provide
- Current plans call for a discussion of the staff findings to be presented to the Council's Transportation Legislative Review Committee on December 12, 2005 as part of an overall transportation presentation